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(b) if so, what are the orders of Government thereon; and

(c) whether they would apply any definite policy?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Orders have been passed in accordance with the general policy referred to in the answer to clause (c).

(c) Taluk boards are permitted to debit to the Elementary Education Fund expenditure on scouting with the previous approval of Government. In dealing with applications from taluk boards for permission to incur such expenditure, items such as purchase of books on scouting, travelling allowance of teachers deputed for training as scout masters or cub masters, cost of scout camps and non-recurring contributions to scout associations are approved. Expenditure on the employment of separate scout instructors for elementary schools is not, however, allowed.

Orphanages

Grants to orphanages in this Presidency.

*427 Q.—Mr. K Uppi Sahib: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to place the information in the possession of Government regarding

(a) the number and names of orphanages in the Presidency;

(b) the community to which each belongs, Hindu, Muslim, Indian Christian, Anglo-Indian and European;

(c) the number of orphans and destitutes in each of them from 1924–1928 year-war;

(d) the Government aid given to each of them;

(e) the rate per head;

(f) and to state what the principle of giving grants to the orphanages is; and

(g) what the rate of grant per head of Indian orphans, and Anglo-Indian and European orphans is?

A.—(a) to (d) A statement [a] showing the names of the orphanages with the number of children in each orphanage for whom boarding grants were distributed in 1926–27 is placed on the table. No further information is available with Government.

(e) to (g) The rates of boarding grant for *European* schools are Rs. 15 a month in the Madras City and Rs. 12 a month in the mufassal for a child.

No rates have been laid down by Government in the case of grants to *Indian* orphanages. The usual procedure is to distribute the budget provision available each year *pro rata* among the eligible children, subject to a maximum of half the net cost to the management. The grant paid in 1926–27 worked out to Rs. 8-9-2 per head for a year.

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a Printed as Appendix II on pages 226–230 infra.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I ask the hon. Minister to give reasons, if any, for this discrimination based on race between the rates of boarding grants given to European schools in Madras City and the mufassal and the grants paid to Indian orphanges ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am sure the hon. Member is as well aware as I am that European education is a Reserved subject. We have been distributing what we give now considering the amount at our disposal."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister has any intention of moving the Government of which he happens to be a member, to equalize the grants between the European schools and Indian orphanges considering that it is a racial discrimination ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is not a question of racial discrimination. It really depends on the standard of living."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister recognizes in this country a distinction in the distribution of these grants based on higher standards of living for particular races ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is not a question of recognizing the higher standard of living. It depends on the class from which the children come."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" If a member of an aristocratic family becomes an orphan, which is impossible (laughter), I say if an aristocratic child becomes an orphan which is impossible (renewed laughter)—he laughs best who laughs last—coming to the orphange, may I ask the hon. the Minister for Education whether considering their previous status he proposes to equalize and use his influence to get this grant equalized or does he propose to acquiesce in this arrangement ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I shall see what line can be taken according to the light I possess at the moment."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Seeing that he is a responsible Indian Minister and seeing the implications in this question about the policy of the Government, does he propose to equalize this grant or allow it as it is ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am as much concerned with the equality of my race as my hon. Friend."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I am glad to hear it."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATHI MUDALIYAR :—" Admitting the standard of living between an European and an Indian is different, does the hon. Minister for Education consider that such a great disparity between Rs. 180 per annum and Rs. 8-9-2 (Rs. 171) between an European and an Indian pupil is reasonable ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As I said in answer to the learned Member for the University, we are trying to raise this grant."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Does the hon. Minister realize that this rate works at 10 annas a month for an Indian child whereas it is Rs. 12 a month for an European child ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I am glad the hon. Member has been using his powers of arithmetic to calculate this result."

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" With reference to the words in the answer to clause (e) to (g), ' subject to the maximum of half the net cost to the management, ' in the second paragraph, may I know from the hon. the Minister for Education whether that position applies also to the boarding grants to European schools ? " 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" The hon. Minister referred to the standard of living. Under what standard of living does he expect a child to live at 4 pies a day, an Indian child in an orphange ? (Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar . ' Starving standard '). Four pies is the price of a cigarette."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I should like to know from the hon. Doctor whether it is good for a child to smoke cigarettes."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Does he expect a child to live on the value of a cigarette ? That is what I want to know."

Mr K. R. KARANT :—" May I just ask the hon. Minister whether after this question came before the Council some time ago, he has taken any definite steps actually for raising the rate ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" As a matter of fact, last year we got a little more sum than was put in the budget for the year before."

Civil Justice

Alleged irregular attendance of the District Munsif of Bapatla.

* 428 Q.—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to ascertain from the Judicial Department of the Guntur district and state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the then Principal District Munsif of Bapatla Mr. V. V. Subba Rao Pantulu used to leave the office at 12 noon every day from 9th June 1928 till 22nd June 1928 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that he used to get the plaints and office registers to his house for signature ;

(c) whether it is a fact that a pro-note in a plaint sent to his house for signature was not to be found ;

(d) why he left the office every day at 12 noon ever since he got the orders of promotion as Sub-Judge ; and

(e) whether the Government will be pleased to call for a statement of work done by him from 9th June 1928 to 22nd June 1928, showing the number contested and uncontested original suits, the number of suits adjusted out of court, compromised. withdrawn, and " no instructions " and place it on the table ?

A.—(a) to (e) The Government do not consider it necessary to call for the information. They trust that the High Court will look into the matter. A copy of the question and of the answer will be forwarded to it.

Delay in the disposal of cases in courts.

* 429 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state, with reference to the debates on 20th March 1928 regarding the delays in the disposal of cases in courts—

(a) what steps Government are going to take or to induce the High Court to take to reduce the delays ; and